The Framework Agreement also provides for an Early Harvest Scheme (EHS) under which a common list of items have been agreed for elimination of tariffs on a fast track basis.

(c) to (f) The India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway project is not a part of the Framework Agreement for establishing Free Trade Area between India and Thailand.

Tax holiday scheme for new industries

†175. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Government of Uttaranchal for setting up new industries after extension of Government's Tax Holiday in the State;

(b) whether the State Government has sent any proposal for expansion of area and interest of the industries to be benefited under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The Government announced a package of economic incentives on 07.01.2003 for promoting industrialization in the State of Uttaranchal. Various incentives like income tax exemptions, excise exemptions and Capital Investment Subsidy to new industrial units and existing industrial units on their substantial expansion in the identified locations have been provided in the package. After announcement of the package, 562 firm proposals have been received by the Government of Uttaranchal for setting up of new industries.

(b) and (c) The industries other than those listed in negative list are eligible for these incentives in the identified locations, while those mentioned in the thrust list are eligible for the incentives irrespective of the locations. Identified locations sent by the State Government of Uttaranchal were notified by the Department of Revenue *vide* Notification No. 50/2003-Central Excise dated 10.6.2003 for the purpose of excise exemption and *vide* Notification No. 741(E) dated 28.6.2004 for income tax exemption. The State Government of Uttaranchal has recently sent proposals for inclusion of certain more areas/locations in the above Notifications, which will require detailed scrutiny.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.